

Subject: **WIOA reauthorization advocacy continues in the year ahead**



The Skills Coalition is on a mission to secure a stronger future for workforce development. This year, our Creating an Inclusive, Equitable, Resilient Workforce campaign amplified the call for a stronger, more modern workforce investment that meets the needs of workers and employer needs through our federal advocacy on the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) reauthorization, including mobilizing our Business Leaders United (BLU) network and launching a new WIOA Advocacy Campaign led by local leaders and experts from across the country.

Our Campaign Year, Wrapped

Our policy work and [WIOA recommendations](#) were included in WIOA reauthorization bills introduced in the House and the Senate. Both bills included an Individual Training Accounts (ITA) program with a floor of dedicated funding. Our collective advocacy for a reauthorization of WIOA that fully funds vital skills training and workforce development programs will continue in the coming year.



We also mobilized our BLU network to engage stakeholders and educate Congress on how funding for workforce programs should be allocated. The BLU network shared a [letter signed by more than 150 organizations](#) that urged Congress to allocate funding for industry and sector partnership grants, as well as technical assistance to better align training programs with the needs of employers. The letter also called on Congress to expand federal Pell Grant eligibility to cover shorter-term skills training programs, making them more accessible and affordable.

Biden’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request in March included an \$8 billion proposal to establish a Training Fund, reflecting [our proposal for skills training grants](#), that would provide industry partnership grants per worker to train people from underrepresented communities for jobs in high-demand sectors. This funding also covers supportive services like childcare and transportation—a key priority that our Creating an Equitable Recovery campaign has advocated for with federal lawmakers.

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